

Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, September 30, 2024

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 30

- *Truth and Reconciliation – Wear **Orange***

Tuesday, October 1

- *Pizza Day – for those who ordered*

Thursday, October 3

- *Subway Sandwich Day– for those who ordered*

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, October 8

- *Pizza Day – for those who ordered*

Thursday, October 10

- *Subway Sandwich Day– for those who ordered*

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our first School Council meeting. If you would like to learn more about school council, please visit [this page](#). Congratulations to our new Executive Members below:

Chairs – Farzaneh Karami

Secretary – Tina Choy and Dan McPherson

Treasurer – Joe Rocklin

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26th.

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

Our student participated in a meaningful run on Thursday. We are still accepting donations for this meaningful cause. We are hoping to raise another \$500 to meet our goals of \$1270. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ThornhillPSThornhill>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers to distribute pizza on Tuesdays from 11:45-12:15 p.m. Please email Lisa.Hascal@yrdsb.ca if you are able to assist. This is a great way to become involved in our school community.

PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED

MINISTRY SURVEY

On May 30, 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that it would be launching consultations in fall 2024 with students, parents, job creators, educators and other stakeholders on the practical life skills students need to build a strong foundation for future success through modernized home economics education. To learn more visit [Province Introduces New High School Graduation Requirements for a Stronger Ontario Diploma](#).

The Ministry has asked school boards to assist in the promotion and collection of feedback on the practical life skills that parents, students and educators think could be included or strengthened.

The anonymous [Ministry Survey: Launch of Life Skills Consultation](#), designed by the Ministry, will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 24, 2024. Administrators can share this link in their communication with families.

RENEWED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the [online application page](#) for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

1. If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$25 charge for laptops and a \$35 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.
2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.
3. You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at **945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga**. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from September 12, 2024 – November 22, 2024 with delivery to schools taking place in December.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the [attached program flyer](#) and checklist.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a designated day of remembrance to honour victims and survivors of Canada's Indigenous residential school system. The federal government declared this day in 2021, also known as **Orange** Shirt Day.

It is a day to continue learning about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and our roles and responsibilities towards reconciliation as students, educators, researchers, and community members. The day is part of a larger conversation on the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization and

systemic inequalities (including in education) that continue to marginalize Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.

Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

On Monday September 30th, if possible, please send your child to school wearing an **ORANGE shirt.**